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1. SUMMARY: COMPREHENSIVE , UNSIGNED AND UNDOUBTEDLY

AUTHORITATIVE PRAVDA ARTICLE PRESENTS ANALYSIS OF CHINESE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS IN FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT CCP UNDER MAO HAS PARTED COMPANY WITH MARXISM-LENINISM, BOTH INTERNALLY AND IN FOREIGN POLICY. AFTER DOCUMENTING THIS ANALYSIS IN THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TERMS, ARTICLE RECOUNTS SORRY STATE OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS AND RENEWS BREZHNEV PUBLIC APPEAL AT ALMA-ATA AND TASHKENT TO MEND FENCES. IT PROMISES POSITIVE RESPONSE TO ANY CHINESE MOVE TOWARD RAPPROACHMENT, AND URGES CHINESE LEADERS TO TAKE "SOBER LOOK" AT STATE OF RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA OCTOBER 16 ARTICLE RUNS TO NEARLY A FULL PAGE AND SEEMS INTENT ON ADDUCING EVIDENCE THAT CCP HAS MAINTAINED ITS "ANTI-LENINIST" COURSE AT HOME WHILE CONDUCTING FOREIGN POLICY HOSTILE TO WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. IN THEORETICAL TERMS, IT ASSERTS, MAOIST RULE HAS BECOME "DICTATORSHIP OF MILITARY BUREAUCRACY." VICTIMS OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAVE NOT BEEN CLASS ENEMIES, BUT RATHER PARTY CADRES WHO OPPOSED DISTORTION OF MARXISM -LENINISM IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

3. REITERATING FAMILIAR CHARGES THAT CHINESE HAVE WORKED AGAINST INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, ARTICLE DEFENDS U.S. -SOVIET RELATIONS AND SCOFFS AT CHINESE CHARGES OF SUPER-POWER COLLUSION. IT CHIDES TENTH CONGRESS FOR SAYING NOTHING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, FOR INDIFFERENCE TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, AND FOR SEEKING TO SPLIT SOVIETS AND FRATERNAL COUNTRIES OF WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM. IT NOTES CHINESE FAILURE TO JOIN ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE POSTULATED AT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE OF 1957, 1960 AND 1969. CHINESE POLICIES TOWARD CHILE, MIDDLE EAST AND TAIWAN ARE HELD UP AS NEGATIVE EXAMPLES. IN A SPECULATIVE VEIN, ARTICLE SAYS "IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT" THAT DIFFERENCES WITHIN CCP ON QUESTION OF ALIGNING PRC WITH IMPERIALISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF CONTRADICTIONS EVIDENT IN TENTH CONGRESS MATERIALS.

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4. TURNING TO SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, ARTICLE REJECTS CHINESE ALLEGATIONS OF "THREAT FROM NORTH". IT NOTES PEKING'S REMOVAL OF NATIONAL MINORITIES FROM BORDER AREA IN 1960'S AND CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN BORDER REGIONS, RECALLING THAT CHINESE HAVE EVEN RESORTED TO MILITARY PROVOCATIONS (TIME UNSPECIFIED). IT REITERATES BREZHNEV'S WARNING TO "CERTAIN IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" SEEKING TO PROFIT FROM

ABNORMAL STATE OF RELATIONS (REFTELS), AND REVIEWS
SOVIET PROPOSALS IN SINO-SOVIET TALKS SINCE 1969.
IT CHARACTERIZES BREZHNEV'S ALMA-ATA AND TASHKENT
SPEECHES AS "APPEALS" (OBRASHCHENIE S PRIZYVOM) TO
CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO TAKE "SOBER LOOK" AT STATE OF
RELATIONS, AND PROMISES POSITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE
(AS WELL AS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT) IF
CHINESE SHOW PRACTICAL READINESS TO ACT ON CHOU'S
STATEMENT TO CONGRESS ABOUT NORMALIZATION AND PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTE.

5. COMMENT: THEORETICAL PRETENSIONS OF ARTICLE AND
EMPHASIS ON GULF BETWEEN CCP AND INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT
SEEM TO BE PART OF SOVIET MANEUVERINGS IN PREPARATION
FOR A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.
EVIDENT EFFORT TO LEAVE OPEN AVENUES OF RAPPROACHMENT
APPEARS SINCERE--INDEED, ALMOST IMPASSIONED -- BUT
SOVIETS MUST ALSO WISH TO HAVE THEIR EFFORTS ON RECORD
IF SUCH A CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE.
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